



This newsletter provides information on meetings and conferences, upcoming training, available grants and loans, relevant Web sites, job opportunities and miscellaneous information. Input and feedback are appreciated. For more information, please contact Maria Castain (415) 972-3264 or through email [castain.maria@epa.gov](mailto:castain.maria@epa.gov) or visit our Web site: [http://www.epa.gov/region09/cross\\_pr/indian/newslet.html](http://www.epa.gov/region09/cross_pr/indian/newslet.html)

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# ***Tribal Program Newsletter***

*Our first teacher is our own heart. (Cheyenne)*

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## **Meetings and conferences**

### **Jun 6–9 Tribal Forest Resource Protection: Threats and Solutions: Visalia, CA**

The Tribal Council, staff and Tule River Community are hosting the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual National Indian Timber Symposium. For more information, please call (503) 282-4296 or email [itc1@teleport.com](mailto:itc1@teleport.com)

### **Jun 7-10 7<sup>th</sup> National Tribal Conference on Environmental Management, Traverse City, MI**

The Grand Traverse Band (GTB) of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians will hold their 7<sup>th</sup> annual conference. GTB will have significant room for interested vendors at the conference. For more information please contact Andy Knott, GTB Environmental Stewardship Director at (231) 271-7363 or email [aknott@gtbindians.com](mailto:aknott@gtbindians.com) or Suzanne McSawby, GTB Natural Resource Department Director at (231) 271-7104 or email [smcsawby@gtbindians.com](mailto:smcsawby@gtbindians.com).

### **Jun. 8-10 Natural Resource Law Center (NRLC) Annual Conference, Boulder, CO**

This conference will focus on the emerging water supply crisis on the Colorado River, a result of 5 years of extreme drought, growth in regional water demands, and institutional arrangements that over-allocate the flow of the river among competing uses. For more information, please contact Doug Kenney, (303) 492-1296 or email [Douglas.kenney@colorado.edu](mailto:Douglas.kenney@colorado.edu)

**Jun 16-19    Community Forests in the United States: Possibilities, Experiences, and Lessons Learned, NRLC, Missoula, MT**

This national conference will bring together practitioners from around the country to explore issues, options, and experiences in community forest establishment, governance, management and use. Costs: \$100 registration (meals included) plus lodging (inexpensive dormitory options available). To find out more, go to [www.communitiescommittee.org](http://www.communitiescommittee.org) and click on "Conferences" or email Carol Daly at [cdaly@centurytel.net](mailto:cdaly@centurytel.net)

**Jul 12-15    8<sup>th</sup> Region 2 Annual EPA National Community Involvement Conference, Buffalo, NY**

The conference includes several keynote speakers; evening social activities, open time sessions, field trips, an exhibit room, and a poster session. Please visit the conference's Web site: <http://www.epancic.org/2005/overview.cfm> for more information.

**Jul 12-15    2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Navajo Nation Drinking Water Conference, Window Rock, AZ**

The conference is: "Safeguarding Drinking Water for Future Generations." For more information, please go to the following Web site: [www.navajopublicwater.org/Conference](http://www.navajopublicwater.org/Conference) or call Michelle K. Silver at (928) 871-7755.

**Jul. 26-28    Regional Tribal Operating Committee (RTOC), San Francisco, CA**  
Contact: Lilia Dignan (415) 972-3779 or email [Dignan.lilia@epa.gov](mailto:Dignan.lilia@epa.gov)

**Aug 9-12    7<sup>th</sup> Annual National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers, Lac du Flambeau, WI**

This annual meeting will be held at the Lake of the Torches Convention Center. For additional information go to [www.nathpo.org](http://www.nathpo.org)

**Sept 18-21    National Forum on Contaminants in Fish, Baltimore, MD**

The 2005 Forum is jointly cosponsored by EPA and Maryland Department of the Environment. The Forum is an annual event designed to bring together public health and environmental officials from states, tribes, and other interested parties to present and discuss issues related to assessing and managing potential health risks associated with dietary exposure to bioaccumulative chemical contaminants. To register for the Fish Forum, go to the registration section on the Fish Forum Web site at: <http://epa.gov/waterscience/fish/forum/2005>

**Oct 24-26    Regional Tribal Operating Committee (RTOC), Coarsegold, CA**  
Contact: Lilia Dignan (415) 972-3779 or email [dignan.lilia@epa.gov](mailto:dignan.lilia@epa.gov)

**Oct 27-28    13<sup>th</sup> Region 9 Annual Tribal/EPA, Coarsegold, CA**

This conference will be co-hosted with the Picayune Rancheria. For more information, please contact Sam Elizondo (559) 683-6633 or email [selizondo@chukchansi.com](mailto:selizondo@chukchansi.com).

**Nov 2-4        2005 Brownfield Conference, Denver, CO**

This uniquely-designed conference sponsored by U.S. EPA, Region 8 will feature environmental issues facing the west including tribal brownfields, mining sites, watershed issues, and rural community issues. For more information regarding conference attendance, presentation opportunities, exhibits or poster sessions, check out the 2005 website:

[www.brownfields2005.org](http://www.brownfields2005.org), or contact the Region 8 Coordinator, Robin Coursen at [coursen.rob@epa.gov](mailto:coursen.rob@epa.gov).

**May 7-11, 2006    5<sup>th</sup> National Monitoring Conference: Connecting for Clean Water, San Jose, CA**

The conference will highlight how various networks – including monitoring designs, information exchanges, and the Internet – connect all of us working for clean water. The conference will also provide an expanded national forum for volunteer monitoring program coordinators to exchange information, develop skills, and build better networks. Also, the USGS National Water-Quality Assessment (NAWQA) Program will showcase new findings on the quality of the Nation's streams and groundwater and highlight recent innovations and cutting-edge tools in water quality assessment. If you have questions about the conference or would like to be placed on a mailing list, contact the 2006 Monitoring Conference Coordinator at [NWQMC2006@tetrattech-ffx.com](mailto:NWQMC2006@tetrattech-ffx.com)

## **Training**

**Jul 11-12        Wastewater Biology, Flagstaff, AZ**

This Penn State University course stresses a biological approach to wastewater operation and is designed for operators, technicians and engineers involved in the daily operation and troubleshooting of wastewater treatment processes. It covers activated sludge, settleability problems and loss of solids, and biological oxygen demand (BOD) and metabolism. For more information, please call 1 (800) 778-8632. This course will also be offered on July 14-15 in Oceanside, CA.

**Jul 13-14      Basics of Environmental Systems Management, Bismarck, ND**

This training is free of charge of those working in and with Native American communities. For more information, go to [www.ntec.org](http://www.ntec.org)

**Jul 19-21      Advanced Inspector Training, San Francisco, CA**

EPA, Region 9 will sponsor this 3-day course designed for inspectors with at least 3 years of experience in this field. It provides discussion, demonstrations, and practice in specific skills, such as information research, digital camera usage, interviewing, report writing, lab fraud, courtroom testimony/evidence, and other topical issues. To register for the course please go to [www.netionline.com](http://www.netionline.com)

**Jul 19-21      Designated Use Co-regulators Workshop, San Francisco, CA**

The upcoming workshop will focus on practical approaches to making environmental progress in the area of aquatic life uses and recreational uses. Discussions will address available tools and options, attainability, and engaging stakeholders. Tribes that already have approved water quality standards will be in the best position to actively participate and will probably find it more useful than tribes that are still developing their standards. Space is limited. For more information, please call Kathleen Martyn Goforth, (415) 972-3521 or go to [goforth.martyn@epa.gov](mailto:goforth.martyn@epa.gov)

**Department of Homeland Security (DHS)**

**Jun 6-9      Emergency Management Operations for Tribal Governments, Emmetsburg,  
Aug 1-4      MD**

The goal of the course is to identify tribal organizational structures, operational procedures, and resources for effective emergency management operations. For more information, contact Linda Straka, (301) 447-1162, [linda.straka@dhs.gov](mailto:linda.straka@dhs.gov) Please note that most expenses for courses sponsored by DHS are reimbursable. For more information on DHS courses, visit <http://www.training.fema.gov/emiweb>

**Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals at North Arizona University (ITEP/NAU)**

Courses are offered by the American Indian Air Quality Training Program in cooperation with NAU and U.S. EPA to fulfill the mandate of the 1990 Clean Air Act to offer Native American tribes full partnership in the management of air quality on tribal lands. For more information, call Lee Anderson (702) 784-8264 or visit their site: <http://www.nau.edu/itep>

## **Resource Training Institute (RTI)**

**Jun 14-16    Applied Clean Air Act, Richland, WA**

To register, please contact the RTII Registrar at (706) 951-5685, email [registrar@rtii.org](mailto:registrar@rtii.org) or go to: [http://www.rtii.org/rti\\_REGFORM01.pdf](http://www.rtii.org/rti_REGFORM01.pdf)

## **Bill Helmich Associates Training Seminars**

A brochure for training seminars for June 2005 is available from Bill Helmich Associates, P. O. Box 789, Sandia Park, NM 87047, (505) 281-9884 or visit: <http://www.billhelmichassociates.com>

## **National Enforcement Training Institute (NETI)**

**Aug 9-11 & Introduction to NEPA/309 Review course, Washington, DC**

**Nov 1-3    Introduction to NEPA/309 Review course, Washington, DC**

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This 3-day course presented by Judith Lee of Environmental Planning Strategies provides information and skills necessary to prepare and review environmental assessments and environmental impact statements as mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and EPA's review and comment mandate under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act. The course is open to newcomers to the NEPA program, associate NEPA reviewers, environmental reviewers from other federal agencies and as a refresher for more experienced staff. Course registration will be done through the NETI Web site: [www.netionline.com](http://www.netionline.com). Please register under the course title: FED 103: NEPA/309 Review.

The most up-to-date list of enforcement/compliance monitoring courses offered by EPA's Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance is available online. NETI is also advertising some EPA regional office-sponsored courses from Regions 4, 5 and 6. Classes of some of the most popular enforcement courses such as Basic Inspector, Advanced Inspector, and Advanced Negotiations Skills training are now available. A free catalog and schedule list of videos and CD-ROM courses can be mailed to you by calling (202) 564-2430 or by visiting <http://www.netionline.com/> and registering as a student at EPA's "virtual university," NETI Online. Start class in your own office!

## **Indian Country Environmental Hazard Assessment Project (ICEHAP)**

This free course is presented by volunteers and is available upon request. The volunteers will come to you and participants will learn methods for identifying and assessing environmental health hazards in the home, workplace, and community. The goal of ICEHAP is to introduce participants to specific environmental problems that may cause harm to tribal communities. Participants

will learn methods for identifying and assessing environmental health hazards in the home, workplace, and community. With the information provided, participants will be able to prioritize environmental problems and identify available resources for their resolution. A model will be presented to illustrate how a community-based approach can be taken to successfully solve a community environmental health problem. For more information, contact Harvard School of Public Health, Attn: Barbara Blanchard, 677 Huntington Ave., CCPE-Dept A, Boston MA 02115-6096 (617) 384-8687 or email: [bblancha@hsph.harvard.edu](mailto:bblancha@hsph.harvard.edu)

### **Inter Tribal Council of Arizona (ITCA)**

#### **Jun 27-Jul 1 American Indian Underground Storage Tank Removal and Installation Training and Examination, New Town, ND**

To obtain more information, please call Carl T. Jeffries at (602) 258-4822

### **Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)**

#### **Jun 5–Jul 1 Water Resources Technician Program, Las Cruces, NM**

#### **Aug 7–26 Water Resources Technician Program, Fairbanks, AK**

These are tentative dates. Please forward applications to: Mr. Mo Balock, BIA, Branch of Water Resources, Mail Stop-4655, 1849 C. Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20240. No internet access is available for BIA at this time. For additional information regarding applications and qualifications please contact Mo Balock (202) 208-6042 or Toni Village Center at (202) 208-3956 or (202) 208-4004.

### **Asset Management, Rate Analysis and Benchmarking Workshops**

In August and September the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, in conjunction with Southern Illinois University, will conduct six sets of workshops on asset management and rate analysis and two on benchmarking. All sessions will be free to participants. Managers, staff and decision-makers of these systems, and consultants and assistance providers should take advantage of these training opportunities. Using these strategies could mean tens of thousands of dollars in additional revenue or reduced costs to small systems and millions to medium and large systems. To learn more about the workshops and to register on-line, visit <http://www.dnr.mo.gov/oac/rmi-catalog.htm> or call the Department of Natural Resources at 1-800-361-4827.

## **Indoor Air Quality Training for Tribal Professionals**

The American Lung Association Health House program is providing Hands-On Indoor Air Quality Training for Tribal Professionals. The training sessions are sponsored by the EPA so participants can attend at no cost! The classes begin in July of 2005 and run through 2008. We are currently seeking Native American Co-trainers to attend the Train-the-Trainer session on June 14th, 2005 in St. Paul, MN. The co-trainers will attend this one-day Train-the-Trainer session to learn about the curriculum for the Hands-On Indoor Air Quality Training. In addition to participating in and facilitating the courses, the co-trainers will help coordinate training facilities and identify onsite housing to be used for field work during training. For more information or to register, simply click here:

<http://www.healthhouse.org/TribalTraining/Index.asp>

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## **Grants and loans**

Grants are available to cities and counties to fund housing and community development activities. Eligible applicants may not receive Community Development Block Grant Program funds directly from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Eligible activities include new construction and rehabilitation of housing, community facilities, and infrastructure; and public services. A set-aside allocation of funds is awarded to projects serving Native Americans who do not belong to a federally recognized Indian tribe or Rancheria. Another set-aside of funds is awarded to non-entitlement communities (colonias) located within 150 miles of the California/Mexico border. For more information, call Allen Jones, (916) 263-0466 or email [ajones@hcd.ca.gov](mailto:ajones@hcd.ca.gov) or visit Web site <http://housing.hcd.ca.gov/ca/cdbg/>

## **Source Reduction Assistance Program**

U.S. EPA Regions 3 to 10 request applications for the Source Reduction Assistance Program. This program supports source reduction, pollution prevention and/or resource conservation activities. \$163K is expected to be available per region. Due dates for pre-proposals and/or applications vary by region. Due dates range from May 20 to June 13. For more info, go to: <http://www.epa.gov/p2/grants/srap05.htm>

## **Patagonia**

The Patagonia Environmental Grants Program supports grassroots environmental work in communities where the outdoor clothing and gear company does business. Grant range generally from \$3K to \$8K. Proposals accepted in April and August 2005. For more information, go to: [http://www.patagonia.com/enviro/enviro\\_grants.shtml](http://www.patagonia.com/enviro/enviro_grants.shtml).

## **Indian Country Leaking Underground Storage Tank (LUST) Multi-Year Cleanup Initiative**

EPA Region 9 recently announced the Indian Country Leaking Underground Storage Tank (LUST) multi-year cleanup initiative. Using LUST trust funds, EPA will pay for site assessments and cleanups on LUST sites on tribal lands. EPA has contracted a Native



Alaskan-owned firm, Bristol Environmental, to assist with the work. EPA has identified more than 200 LUST sites on the lands of 17 different Tribes. Further sites may be identified as the work progresses. For more information, please contact Carl Warren, Underground Storage Tanks Program Office, at (415) 972-3355 or [warren.carl@epa.gov](mailto:warren.carl@epa.gov)

### **Tribal Pesticide Projects**

The Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) is soliciting pesticide and special project proposals from eligible Tribes, Alaska native villages, and intertribal consortia. Under this program, cooperative agreement awards will provide financial assistance to carry out projects that assess or reduce risks to human health and the environment from pesticide exposure. The total amount of funding available for award in FY 2005 is approximately \$445,000, with a maximum funding level of \$50,000 per project. Only one application may be submitted by each tribal government or consortium. Proposals are due to the appropriate regional office no later than close of business June 13, 2005. For more information, contact Marcy Katzin at (415) 947-4215 or, [katzin.marcy@epa.gov](mailto:katzin.marcy@epa.gov) or go to:

<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20051800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2005/05-8611.htm>

### **Resource Conservation Funds**

Solicitations are now open for U.S. EPA Region 9 proposals for cooperative agreements that address solid waste reduction and management. Cooperative agreements will be awarded through Resource Conservation Funds under the authority of Section 8001 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. A full announcement is available at:

<http://www.epa.gov/region9/funding/rcra.html> Please contact Heather White at (415) 972-3384 or [white.heather@epa.gov](mailto:white.heather@epa.gov) for more information.

### **EPA Region 9 Water Infrastructure Loans available to Tribes**

The Clean Water (CWSRF) and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) loans are innovative methods of financing a range of water quality and safe drinking water projects. Under the CWSRF & DWSRF programs, EPA Region 9 provides grants or “seed money” to the states of Arizona, California, Hawaii and Nevada to capitalize individual state CWSRF and DWSRF loan funds. The states, in turn, make loans to communities, individuals, and others for high-priority water quality and drinking water activities. Tribes are also eligible to receive CWSRF and DWSRF loans from the states. The programs are managed by the states, and loans or other types of assistance for water quality and drinking water projects are distributed according to each state’s program and priorities. Eligible projects under the DWSRF include installation and replacement of failing treatment facilities, eligible storage facilities and transmission and distribution systems. Projects to consolidate water supplies may also be eligible. CWSRF loans are used to build or improve wastewater treatment plants, to develop or implement estuary improvement projects, and to implement nonpoint source pollution control activities. For more state specific information about the CWSRF and DWSRF programs, visit the U.S. EPA, Region 9 Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/region09/water>



## **USDA Rural Utilities Services (RUS) Drinking Water and Wastewater Infrastructure**

USDA RUS has \$16.4 million in infrastructure grant funds available in FY05 under their Native American Grants Program. Grant funds are available only after RUS has assessed the capacity of the recipient to accept loans as applicants are expected to borrow the funds they can afford to repay. Ratios vary from 100% loan to 100% grant funding, with a cap of \$1 million in grant funds. The use of RUS loan funds in conjunction with RUS grant funds, as well as funds from other sources, is strongly encouraged whenever feasible to maximize the investment in Indian Country. Contact your local USDA RUS office for more information and to apply for funding. For information on state contacts and engineering report and environmental review application requirements, visit the following websites.

<http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/2005funding.htm>

<http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/regs/Bul%201780-2%209-10-03.pdf>

<http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/pdf/1794-602A2.PDF>

## **Tribal Drinking Water PWS Capacity Funding Program –Clearinghouse Concept**

Currently EPA's Region 9 Tribal Drinking Water PWS Capacity Program offers small training and capacity building grants to Tribes. The administrative burdens, lack of funding flexibilities, and slow processing times for issuing multiple small awards is significant for both the Tribes and EPA. To make funds more immediately accessible we are in the process of revising the program as follows: EPA will make one award to a Tribal Consortium. This entity would serve as a clearinghouse for receiving proposals, tracking projects and processing reimbursements. Proposals would need an EPA sign-off, but the administrative load would be greatly reduced. Projects could be small (e.g., one semester of night school) or large (e.g., feasibility studies to construct an arsenic treatment facility). Some projects could be proposed, approved and off the ground in a very short time. The Drinking Water Office has approached ITCA, and exploratory discussions are underway for developing the details of the program. We are hopeful that we can get the new program in place sometime during the next few months. For more information on this programs, please call Helen McKinley at (415) 972-3559.

## **California Bay-Delta Authority science grants**

This program is seeking to invest in projects that develop new knowledge about how water use and management activities interact with and affect key aquatic species and environmental processes across spatial and temporal scales. The geographic areas of interest are the San Francisco Bay Estuary and the Bay-Delta System. To access detailed information about this opportunity, please visit: <http://solicitation.calwater.ca.gov> or call the Cal Water Helpline at (877) 408-9310.

## **CALFED Program Proposal Solicitations**

To automatically receive more information about other CALFED Program Proposal Solicitations go to <http://calwater.ca.gov/ListServe/listsub-1.asp?Choice=1>. Contact Dan Ray of the California Bay-Delta Authority, Ecosystem Restoration Program at (916) 445-5243 if you need more information.

## **California Endowment Program**

California Endowment Program gives grants to organizations and institutions that directly benefit the health and well-being of Californians, and those that work to provide and expand access to affordable, quality health care for California's under served individuals and communities. The endowment offers two open application grant programs designed to fund ideas and approaches to health improvements generated at the community level.

CommunitiesFirst accepts applications year-round and is rooted in the understanding that communities are central to health improvements; and that inclusion, partnership and community ownership are critical to addressing issues successfully.

The Local Opportunities Fund provides grants of up to \$50,000 to organizations that are addressing important health issues on a local level. Applications are reviewed following deadlines in January, May and September. For more information concerning grant opportunities at the California endowment please go to <http://www.calendow.org/opportunities/index.stm> or call (800) 449-4149.

The Western Regional Office of the U.S. Department of Energy has published the following funding opportunities. For monthly summaries of funding opportunities and other funding resources, go to: [http://www.eere.energy.gov/regions/western/financial\\_opps.html](http://www.eere.energy.gov/regions/western/financial_opps.html).

## **Smart Growth Implementation Assistance**

The Development, Community and Environment Division in U.S. EPA's Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation is seeking applications from communities that want to develop in ways that meet environmental and other community goals. A team of multidisciplinary experts will provide technical assistance to communities that are selected. For more information and application materials, please go to: [http://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/sg\\_implementation.htm](http://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/sg_implementation.htm) or call Mary Kay (Santore) Bailey, (202) 566-2859.

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## **Miscellaneous items**

### **Federally Recognized Indian Tribes Eligible to get Internet Domain Name Suffix**

A cooperative agreement between the General Services Administration (GSA) and the Department of the Interior (DOI) Indian Affairs eGovernment initiative will allow federally recognized Indian tribes to participate in a program that will provide a domain name suffix identifying the tribe on the Word Wide Web as a government entity. A tribe's domain name suffix will include a dash, the letters nsn and the .gov designation. The nsn acronym stands for native sovereign nation, when combined with www and the tribe's name it will look like: [www.tribesname-nsn.gov](http://www.tribesname-nsn.gov) For more information, please contact Paul Marsden, e-Government Officer at (703) 390-6308.

## **California Water Plan Update**

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) is in the process of scheduling 10 hearings statewide, as well as numerous presentations, primarily in the months of May and June. The purpose of the hearings is to receive comments for the final report, which will be issued by fall 2005. Some of our presentations will be hosted by tribal groups. Please click on the following Web site for updates as they become available.

<http://www.publicaffairs.water.ca.gov/newsreleases/2005/04-13-05waterplan.cfm> If you would like to be on the Water Plan Update mailing list, please send your name, affiliation, mailing address, email address, and phone number Barbara Cross, Chief, Land and Water Use Section, Phone: (916) 653-5150

## **Office of Site Remediation Enforcement (OSRE)**

EPA (OSRE) within the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance (OECA) is interested in cooperating with organizations with expertise in sustainable development and sustainable facilities (e.g., non-profit organizations, universities, trade associations, organizations that practice sustainable development, etc.) in connection with its Environmentally Responsible Redevelopment and Reuse (ER3) initiative. Please note that EPA will not compensate cooperating organizations for their efforts in connection with this initiative. Statements of interest are due on June 21 by 5 p.m. EST. For more information, contact Phil Page, (202) 564-4211, or Erin Smith, (202) 564-2038, or go to:

<http://www.epa.gov/compliance/cleanup/redevelop/er3>.

## **Criminal Investigation Division (CID)**

Region 9's Criminal Investigation Division (CID) is available to provide training to tribal governments on the investigation of environmental crimes. CID can provide a short presentation on who they are and what they do, or they can provide more detailed classroom training for police officers and regulators on what to look for in environmental investigations. CID can also recommend tribal officers to a two-week training for environmental investigators at the Law Enforcement Academy in Georgia. Tribes wishing to request this training should contact Pam Overman, Tribal Program Office, at (415)972-3781 or [overman.pamela@epa.gov](mailto:overman.pamela@epa.gov).

## **Corporation for National and Community Services**

The AmeriCorp has volunteers that are available to work with tribes. For more information, please visit the following Web site:

<http://www.nationalservice.org/partners/become/americorps.html>

## **Lead Hazards**

The Passamaquoddy Pleasant Point Tribe of Maine has a Tribal Based Environmental Protection Web site <http://www.tbep.net> on products that were developed to educate children and their parents on lead hazards. Please feel free to browse and download any of these

products. Also look at the Lead Tracker Teachers Manual at <http://tbep.net/LEADTRACKER/index.htm>.

The Penobscot Indian Nation has developed a curriculum in conjunction with the University of Connecticut Continuing Education program for 3- 4th graders which encourages students to look out for lead hazards as well as steps to take to minimize exposure to lead. This product is available in English and Spanish. Please feel free to download the manual in PDF formats <http://tbep.net/MotherBear/index.htm>. For more information, please call (617)-918-1524 or FAX: (617)-918-0524.

### **Community Health Air Pollution Information System (CHAPIS)**

The California Air Resources Board (CARB) has developed an internet-based mapping tool that allows a look at a map to view sources of air pollution. This system makes information regarding air pollution emissions available in ways that are understandable and visual. The air pollutant emission information contained in CHAPIS is for general information. Please consult your local air district for the most recent data available for specific facilities. The CARB should be contacted regarding mobile source emissions. For more information, visit: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/ch/chapis1/chapis1.htm>

### **National Coastal Condition Report (NCCR)**

EPA is releasing the second NCCR, updating the first report issued in 2001. The information is based on four years of sound, EPA-sponsored consistent monitoring data from 23 coastal states, NOAA, USGS and USFWS. It serves as a continuing foundation for the EPA's efforts to protect, manage, and restore coastal ecosystems. The NCCR II will help environmental managers identify existing and emerging problems, establish quantifiable trends, and evaluate their coastal environmental programs. Hard copies of the report will be available in about a month by calling 1-800-490-9198 and requesting EPA publication # 620/R-03/002; in the meantime, copies can be printed from the EPA Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/owow/oceans/nccr2/>

### **EPA Region 2 Proposed Outreach**

EPA seeks to conduct outreach to Indian Nations with regard to Pollution Prevention, specific to health care systems. With this in mind Region 2 introduces to Diane Buxbaum, M.P.H. Environmental Scientist. To initiate this outreach, Diane proposes to contact the Tribal/Indian Nation clinics and hospitals and IHS facilities directly. For instance, are there any lifeways that may be of interest to hospitals regarding waste management? For example, mercury-containing thermometers, blood pressure devices and gastric tubes. Diane Buxbaum can be reached at (212) 637-3919

### **Humboldt Bay Environmental Technology Hostel**

This will be a first-of-its-kind environmental technology hostel to be built and operated in cooperation with Hosteling International – SA, Humboldt State University, the City of Arcata,

and the Center for Environmental Economic Development and the Ford Foundation. The hostel is designed for the study, research and teaching of sustainable design and environmental technology. One of its objectives is to provide a replicable and adaptable model for hostels and communities throughout the world. Go [ArcataHostel.org](http://ArcataHostel.org) for more information.

### **2005 SW NAFWS Natural Resources Youth Practicum**

To obtain an application kit for the 2005 SW Native American Fish and Wildlife Society Native American Natural Resources Youth Practicum, please email [John\\_Antonio@fws.gov](mailto:John_Antonio@fws.gov)

### **Job openings**

San Manuel Band of Mission Indians has a job opening for an environmental protection manager. While reporting to the Executive Director of Governmental Operations, the environmental protection manager directs, supervises and coordinates the monitoring and protecting of the land, air and water resources for the Tribe in light of its economic, cultural and political objectives. He/she oversees the administration of EPA grant funds and tribal funds in the implementation of these objectives. Position oversees cultural resource management as well. For more information, contact Jerry Paresa at (909) 864-8933 ext. 2141 or email [jparesa@sanmanuel-nsn.gov](mailto:jparesa@sanmanuel-nsn.gov)

The Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians, Thermal, CA has an immediate opening for an environmental specialist. The applicant must have an AA degree in related fields and two years experience in working with tribes. Great Benefits. You may contact the Human Resources Department at (760) 397-0300 or fax resume to (760) 397-9853.

The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community has an opening for an environmental specialist in water quality. Please submit your resume to SRPMIC – Human Resources Dept., 10,005 E. Osborn Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85256. This position will remain open until filled.

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### **Web sites for tribal programs and other federal programs**

Please visit the tribal resource Web page at: <http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/res.html>